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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NGUYEN ET AL.

Examiner

Thjuan P Knowlin

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Larson et al (US 5,907,324).
2. In regards to claim 1, Larson discloses a method of automatically establishing a conference (col. 2 lines 52-56 and col. 2-3 lines 63-4) comprising the steps of: receiving conference logistics; receiving participant profile data; allocating a conference bridge port in accordance with the conference logistics; and connecting a communications switch port to the allocated conference bridge port (col. 1-2 lines 58-15).
3. In regards to claims 2 and 10, Larson discloses the method, wherein the conference logistics comprises a start date, a connect time, (col. 7 lines 4-16) and a conference participant address (col. 7 lines 37-42).
4. In regards to claim 3, Larson discloses the method, wherein the participant profile data comprises a current address (col. 2 lines 4-7).

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5. In regards to claims 4 and 6, Larson discloses the method, wherein allocating a bridge port is performed in accordance with the current address (col. 2 lines 4-19 and col. 12 lines 12-17).

6. In regards to claim 5, Larson discloses the method, further comprising updating the conference participant address with the current address (col. 11-12 lines 54-3, col. 12 lines 12-17, and col. 12 lines 27-39).

7. In regards to claim 7, Larson discloses the method, wherein the participant profile data comprises at least two of a current address, a home address, an office address, and a wireless address (col. 7 lines 37-42).

8. In regards to claim 8, Larson discloses the method, wherein the communications switch comprises a telephone switch (col. 1 lines 14-18 and col. 1 lines 28-33).

9. In regards to claim 9, Larson discloses the method, wherein the conference participant address and the current address each comprise a telephone number (col. 2 lines 4-11 and col. 7 lines 37-49).

10. In regards to claim 11, Larson discloses the method, wherein the conference participant address comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address (col. 7 lines 37-42).

11. In regards to claim 12, Larson discloses the method, wherein receiving conference logistics comprises receiving subscriber input to a DTMF menu (col. 2 lines 4-9 and col. 7 lines 37-44).

12. In regards to claim 13, Larson discloses the method, wherein receiving conference logistics, comprises receiving a formatted file, comprising labeled conference provisioning information (col. 2 lines 41-62 and col. 6 lines 37-50).

13. In regards to claim 14, Larson discloses the method, wherein receiving conference logistics comprises receiving subscriber input to a form displayed on a client device (col. Fig. 1, Fig. 3, col. 5 lines 4-29, and col. 5-6 lines 58-19).

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Blinken et al (US 4,796,293) teach an enhanced dedicated teleconferencing system. Carlsen et al (US 5,884,167) teach a method for completing a conference with a personal communications units.

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

16. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

17. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ahmad F. Matar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

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